# SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS DECEMBER 19, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Pledge of Allegiance was followed prayer offered by Freeholder Vanderslice.

Director Acton stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

On Roll Call, the following Freeholders were present: Deputy Director Laury, Freeholders Cross, Vanderslice, Ware, Bobbitt, Timberman and Acton.

Deputy Director Laury motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 1, 2012 Special Meeting and the December 5, 2012 Workshop and Regular meetings. Minutes to be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book second by Freeholder Cross, and carried 7/0.

# **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

PROCLAMATION HONORING SERVICE GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO ASSISTED WITH PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY FROM HURRICANE SANDY

The foregoing proclamation was read by Clerk of the Board Gage and presented by Director Acton, Deputy Director Laury and Jeff Pompper, Director of Emergency Services. Proclamations and Certificates was presented to Salem Community College, Salem County Republican Club, Red Cross South Jersey Chapter, Salem County RACES, Salem County Public Works Department, Municipal Public Works Department, Salem County Prosecutor's Office, Pennsville National Bank, Metz Catering, Salem County IT Department, Salem County Health Department, Friends Nursing Home, Fire Coordinators, Salem County EMS Coordinator, Salem County Democratic Party, CERT Program of Salem County, Salem County Sheriff Office, Salem County Administration, Acton Catering, Salem County 911, and Salem County Transit.

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

## **GENERAL**

Ron E. Magill, letter of resignation Cultural & Heritage Commission effective December 31, 2012

Pro Act Inc. discount card usage report

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

## **COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES**

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to accept and file the correspondence, and the committee and commission reports and that they be made a part of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Timberman. Motion was carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice. The motion was carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

# ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Acton, Vanderslice, Ware

R. 2012-537

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT (PUMA, TELSEY & RHEA)
(TABLED AT THE DECEMBER 5, 2012 MEETING)

R. 2012-540 ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 (\$55,000 – EMAA FY 12)

#### (TABLED AT THE DECEMBER 5, 2012 MEETING)

R. 2012-573 ADMINISTRATIVE

# RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CUMBERLAND/SALEM WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB)

R. 2012-574 ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASES FROM STATE CONTRACT VENDORS

R. 2012-575 ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND APPOINT AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Deputy Director Laury moved to take Resolutions R. 2012-537 and R. 2012-540 off the table, with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion.

Deputy Director Laury moved to table Resolution R. 2012-537, with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion.

Freeholder Timberman "Why haven't we found out why we tabled that in the first place?"

Director Acton "I think we have. We had a concern because actually the professional services was going to charge us more per hour than what we originally agreed upon. It was \$125 an hour and they wanted to charge us."

Freeholder Cross "Madam Director if I may I think that falls under negotiations."

Director Acton "Okay. So we did find out that we still are going to negotiate."

As there was no further discussion, the motion to table the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

Deputy Director Laury moved for the adoption of Resolution R. 2012-540, with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion to table the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of Resolution R. 2012-573 thru R. 2012-575, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion to adopt the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

#### **HEALTH COMMITTEE** – Bobbitt, Cross, Acton

R. 2012-576

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

## RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TO AMEND RESOLUTION #2012-545 FOR 2013 HEALTHY SALEM HEALTHY BODY GRANT

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for the adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** – Timberman, Bobbitt, Laury

R. 2012-577

**SOCIAL SERVICES** 

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES STANDARDIZED BOARD RESOLUTION FORM

R. 2012-578 SOCIAL SERVICES

# RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR PROVIDING DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$4,000 – HENDRICKS HOUSE)

R. 2012-579 SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR PROVIDING SUB-ACUTE DETOXIFICATION SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$5,600 – MARYVILLE, INC.)

Freeholder Timberman moved for the adoption of these three resolutions, with Deputy Director Laury seconding her motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Cross, Vanderslice, Timberman

R. 2012-580

**PUBLIC SAFETY** 

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS EXECUTING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Freeholder Cross moved for the adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

# TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM, & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE - Ware, Timberman, Laury

R. 2012-581

SOCIAL SERVICES

Resolution Selecting TRAC for Emergency Repairs to Storm Damaged Railroad for the County of Salem (\$175,000)

R. 2012-582

SOCIAL SERVICES

Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract (\$2,100 – Sheehan & Associates and Molinari & Associates, PC)

Freeholder Ware moved for the adoption of these two resolutions, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** – Laury, Ware, Cross

R. 2012-583

**PUBLIC WORKS** 

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER #3 RESURFACING OF ALMOND ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #540, PHASE 1 FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM FEDERAL PROJECT #STP-0143(103), NJDOT #7110309 (\$62,464.60 – SOUTH STATE, INC.)

Deputy Director Laury moved for the adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deputy Director Laury "Merry Christmas everybody"

Freeholder Vanderslice "I'm not sure if this falls under this but we had a business that made a substantial investment in Salem County and it opened up this past week they sell furniture and I just

want to say that I work very closely with Mark Erdner and everyone should go out there to see the beautiful place and the huge inventory that he has and buy lots of furniture."

Freeholder Timberman "Are they going to have a ribbon cutting?"

Freeholder Vanderslice "They'll let us all know when they have a grand opening I'm sure."

Director Acton "On your agenda you will notice that the Economic Development Commission was formed

Freeholder Vanderslice "Council"

Director Acton "Council. Did you want to say anything about that?"

Freeholder Vanderslice "We have pretty much talked to the people we want to join we are just waiting for firmative answers from all of them before we make the official appointments and we'll probably do that sometime in January. There are two representatives from small business, two from large business, two from agri-tourism, two from municipal government, two from education and there will be representation from county planner and the director of tourism and also a freeholder liaison so the idea here is to roll our sleeves up and get started sometime in June.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director Acton "This is public comment if you would come up to the microphone and state your name and your address for the record we would appreciate it.

Tom Lyons, Executive Director of Friends Village in Woodstown, "I have a letter I'd like to read and I have copies that I could pass around to the freeholders if you would like that.

December 18, 2012

Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Dear Freeholders,

We, the ten health care centers in Salem County, are writing this letter to let you know what an outstanding Director of the Department of Emergency Services you have in Jeff Pompper. Jeff has been instrumental in working with all of us to develop both the Salem County Healthcare Facility Emergency Transportation Agreement and the Salem County Healthcare Facility Emergency Displacement Residents Agreement. This is a first in the State of New Jersey.

Jeff and his staff have been key partners with us during all of the emergencies this past year – hurricanes, floods, power outages – whatever nature has thrown at us. County resources have been there to help us all from evacuations requiring resident relocation, to sheltering needy county residents. We all agree that the Office of Emergency Management is a professionally managed department which has efficiently served us well.

You are fortunate to have such a high caliber staff led by Jeff providing emergency services to the citizens of Salem County."

Respectfully signed by Friends Village at Woodstown, Carneys' Point Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, Eagleview Health & Rehabilitation Golden Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, unfortunately when we wrote this letter Mater Dei was intimately involved in the planning and Mater Dei is no longer, Merion Gardens Assisted Living, we were unable to get Southgate the logistics of trying to get signatures has been difficult. Elmer Hospital we were unable to get a signature but we do have Memorial Hospital of Salem County and the Southern Jersey Family Medical Center (Salem City FQHC).

Director Acton "Thank you so much for the effort of putting this together and we couldn't agree with more."

Debra Hart, Salem Senior Village, "My question is since they stopped the bus service from going from Salem County across the Delaware Memorial Bridge to Delaware we have really had a hard time to conduct business that you have to do over there and also hospital appointments. There is some service but it's very, very limited the service is very limited. They will only take you to the VA Hospital or only take you to the dynastic center for dynastic testing and for people who are like having kidney transfusion the service is really needed and they stopped that service. I was on the bus that day that they stopped the 423 which was on May the 28<sup>th</sup> that was the last day of that service and since then it has really been really crazy, it has been difficult. The five and a half hours to go around to get to New Jersey to ask the citizens here to ride five and a half hours just to go to Delaware is just ludicrous and I'm wondering I mean when are we going to get the bus back? What are we doing to move forward? What it is they're doing to have some type of service to help us get across the bridge? Even if they would do something I mean before they had the pm am service but what I think the problem was when you went over at 7:00 in the morning you had to wait till 4:00 in the afternoon to come back. Now somebody might had to go over there for an appointment but their appointment was over with like at 10:00 so my thing is why didn't they have a like lunch time a noon time bus to go over it. I think that would be better if it was broken down like that so the people could conduct their business and go to school and so forth."

Director Acton "Again Thank you for volunteering for the American Red Cross but the State cancelled that program so you kind of correspond with them but we could help your efforts to get it reinstated but that was a state funded program and a state program."

Debra Hart "Right but is there anything that we could do to try to have a budget for..."

Director Acton "Have you corresponded with Third Legislative District or Congressman?"

I sent a letter two years ago and I never got a response and a matter of fact I think I sent three letters to be honest with you. If I can remember it I never got a response. In the process I want to state that in transfer driving five hours around I've been robbed five times and I've survived five robberies okay especially in Camden. You catch the 401 you drive through here you go to Camden sometimes you have to get off and then sometimes it takes you to Philly. Then when you get in Philly you go downstairs at the Gallery and then you catch the train then the train takes you to the Wilmington Train Station in Wilmington then you go to Rodney Square you catch the bus at Rodney Square they you get there at Rodney Square you have to transfer to the next bus to get to your destination. That's five and a half hours."

Director Acton "Well we can write a letter to Burzichelli, Fisher and Senator Sweeney but I'll have the Clerk of the Board get some of your information and he'll be corresponding with you."

Debra Hart "Fine thank you."

Director Acton "Thank you so much for bringing it to our attention."

Rod Miller, Salem "Two minutes I don't know if I can do two minutes but I will keep it as brief as I can. I just wanted to talk a little bit about something called Agenda 21 I understand it's something that's been brought to the Boards attention before. Is that accurate?

Director Acton "Yes"

Rod Miller "I was just curious if any member of the Freeholder Board actually gone on the UN website and looked into this at all and hopefully not just passed it off as some kind of conspiracy theory or something not to worry about? In that case I would just ask every member of the board when you have a moment to on the un.org go on the United Nations website. The way that I found it I just did a search when I went on I just typed in Agenda 21. At first it sounded like you know some kind of quack pot theory but the more I've heard about it the more it scares me and I'm not scared very easily. Long story short it's basically it could be something that the county or even local municipalities have already been approached with and not really without really understanding you know what it's about. The United Nations is making an effort unbeknownst to a lot of folks to get a lot of their agendas passed in our country and whenever you see works like sustainability or affordability you know hopefully a red flag will go up. Just give you the perfect example was just a bill, I forget the number, of the exact name I think it was Parents with Children's Disabilities Act. Thankfully it got defeated okay. At first glance it sounded

like something terrific you know great you know something's that going to help children with disabilities or their parents. It was nothing of the kind. I contacted our state senators and pleaded with their representatives on the phone you know to warn them about this they voted for it anyway thankfully it didn't pass. It has nothing to do with that. Then I found that the United Nations was behind this and it does not help parents of children with disabilities nor their children. What it basically is, was anyway hopefully they won't come back with it but I am afraid they probably will try to get it back some time it requires parents to register the children with disabilities at birth with the government not just with our government but the United Nations. I just appear to warn you there are a lot of things like this that are going on today that are not really what they seem you know at first and the research I've done in fact if you go on that website you can read it you won't be able to read it in five minutes but you know if you read in it, if it doesn't open your eyes or scare you than I don't know. okay but that's just something that come to my attention and I just thought that the board should be aware and hopefully you can notify other townships to keep an eye out for anything that comes from you know homeland security or the TSA or anything that has the words sustainability or affordability for something that doesn't look you know quite right. I would encourage you to do a little more research in it and find where it's coming from."

Debbie Ashcraft, Penns Grove "Thank you for the awards tonight but I would like to know if there is a way you can recognize the Borough of Penns Grove. FEMA set up a Disaster Recovery Center in our Ambulance Hall they took over whole half of our building and Mayor Washington when I asked him he said whatever they need take care of so I appreciate that and I was wondering if you could somehow reach out to him let him know because FEMA does not give any money back toward anything they us in the building as far as the gas. Those people like to be warm is all I can tell you they would put the heat up to 90 so I have no idea what those bill's are going to look like when they come in so a little pat on the back for helping their fellow neighbors."

Director Acton "Thank you for bringing that to our attention. I just want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year. Thank you again for coming out don't be a stranger to County Government."

Deputy Director Laury motioned to adjourn and seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice and carried by hand vote 7/0 at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl R. Gage Clerk of the Board